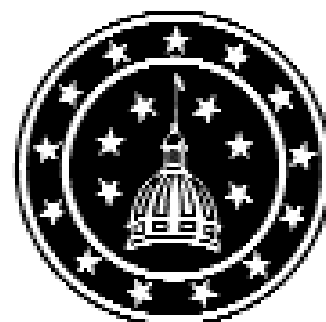




JIM MERRITT

Your State Senator

Senate District 31



Elected

Indiana State Senate 1990-present

Leadership

Majority Caucus Chairman

Political Affiliation

Republican

Standing Committees

Appointments & Claims, Chair
Commerce, Public Policy & Interstate Cooperation
Homeland Security, Transportation & Veteran Affairs, Ranking Member
Public Safety Subcommittee
Utilities & Regulatory Affairs
Rules & Legislative Procedures
Joint Rules

Civic Activities

Member, Fairview Presbyterian Church
Board of Advisors, Indianapolis Convention & Visitors Association
Member, Lawrence Chamber of Commerce
Member, Association of Indiana Museums
Member, Board of Directors, Friends of the Indiana Archives
Board Member, Indiana War Memorials Foundation
Author, Passing the Torch: Preserving Indiana's Heritage
Founder, Reaching Parents in Crisis Task Force

Honors and Awards

2001 Legislator of the Year, National Republican Legislators Association
1996 Youth Advocacy, Association of Child/Adolescent Psychiatric Nurses
1994 Toll Fellow, Council of State Governments
1994 Program for Emerging Leaders, Darden School of Business
Administration, University of Virginia
1990 Highest Award for Achievement, Dale Carnegie Course
1987 Lawrence Township Republican of the Year

Education

Indiana University (B.A.) Political Science

Occupation

President, Circle Financial Corp.

Personal

Married, Kelley: two daughters, one son

County served

Marion County

Senate Facts

Key information about the Indiana Senate

Membership: 50

Elected by: Voters of each district

Term of Office: State senators are elected to four-year terms. These terms are staggered in such a way that half of the 50 seats are subject to election every two years.

Qualifications: U.S. citizen; resident of Indiana for at least two years before the election; resident of the district for one year prior to the election; at least 25 years of age.

Salary: \$11,600 annually

Presiding Officer: It is the constitutional duty of the lieutenant governor to serve as president of the Senate.

Session Length: Session commences the Tuesday after the second Monday in January each year, unless a different day or place is appointed by law. In odd-numbered years, session must adjourn no later than April 29. In even-numbered years, session must adjourn no later than March 13.

Administration: The Legislative Council is composed of 16 legislators, eight from the House of Representatives and eight from the Senate. The chairman rotates annually between the speaker of the House and the president pro tempore of the Senate. Council members set policy for interim activities, recommend rule changes, authorize studies and study committees, and review and supervise expenditures.

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